

Little is known of Odah. Jones said Odah was not an athlete on any school team. He didn't have information regarding any of Odah's extracurricular activities.

Sarah Ayres, Wardle's best friend, said Wardle was good at "anything she did.

"She was really smart, she was top-notch, but she was so modest she would never flaunt it," Ayres said. "She was the kind of person that had great things coming."

Ayres and her boyfriend had gone on a double date with Wardle and Odah, but saw nothing to lead her to believe their relationship would end in violence.

"He seemed like a normal person and she never said something" to indicate anything was wrong, Ayres said. "I think he was thinking it was more serious than she did. She broke it off with him this year and started going out with other people this summer. . . . I know he wanted her back the whole time."

Ayres' father had the task of informing his daughter of the deaths by telephone Monday. Ayres is studying in Mexico through a Hope College program.

"I couldn't hardly believe it at first," Ayres said. "She was like the fourth daughter in my family, so my dad was real shook up, too. We're all shook up. She was such an extraordinary person." ●

#### CONGRATULATING THE NEW YORK YANKEES AND THE NEW YORK METS ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL SEASONS

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise today to add my voice to those of millions of New Yorkers to thank two treasured teams for a most memorable baseball season in the Empire State. We seldom enjoy such sweet success from both our major league teams, and in this regard our season has been unique. Our revered Bronx Bombers competed in typical Yankee fashion and have earned yet another World Series berth: their third in four years, 36th of the century. Meanwhile, our equally cherished Mets brought us an emotionally-lifting season and for a remarkable month faithfully lived up to their moniker "The Amazin's." Each team achieved its success with character and class, and I would like to speak on these attributes.

This year's Mets provided us with a look into the gloried past as they continually conjured up wins worthy of the fabled '69 Miracle Mets. The last month of the season was a window into the Mets heart and soul, the view enthralling. Each time their prospects dimmed the gentlemen from Queens rose to the challenge. From a one-game playoff to enter the Division Series, to the final 26 roller-coaster innings of games five and six of the National League Championship Series, the Amazin's captivated New York with their relentless play.

These victories were earned by a collection of individuals epitomizing all that makes New York great. Al Leiter's pivotal shutout of the Reds advanced New York to the Division Series. Todd Pratt, substituting for the mighty Mike Piazza, won the Division Series with a storybook home run. Rookie Melvin Mora led the Mets in

hitting in the NLCS. Perhaps the ultimate New York moment was Robin Ventura's "Grand Single" in the bottom of the 15th inning of Game 5 to win. Together, these players captivated us for a month of remarkable baseball. No game was out of reach and we watched in awed appreciation. Unfortunately, even these Miracle Mets reached the end of the road, a mere two wins shy of the World Series. But there is great pride in New York today for these Mets have soared.

We are blessed with another baseball team in New York. The Yankees are the greatest franchise in the history of sports and this season they have continued to meet their own lofty standards. Their quiet confidence and unsailable professionalism have powered them to a rematch with their 1996 World Series opponents, the Atlanta Braves. This matchup will determine who is the best team of the '90's and there is little doubt that the Yankees will bring their best to this pursuit.

The character of the Yankee team is unsailable. Joe Torre has fashioned a team in his own typically modest image. When an early season bout with cancer stole Torre from the team the Yanks rallied around their manager and maintained the unity that he created. This toughness of character was displayed throughout the season and into the playoffs. Paul O'Neill's gritty play with a broken rib best exemplifies the type of play the Yankees have given for Torre. With the dominance of "El Duque" Orlando Hernandez and Mariano Rivera the Yankees intimidated the Rangers and defeated the Red Sox. And of course the perpetually unflappable Ramiro Mendoza was pivotal in carrying us in times of trouble. With this team effort the Yankees have given Torre their best. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the Yankees picking up the banner for the honor of New York.

Near the end of the regular season, as the Mets prospects looked bleak, one Atlanta player uncharitably suggested that New York fans shed their loyalty for the Mets and give their allegiance to the Yankees. The Mets very nearly proved this player wrong.

With great charity a united New York responds; Chipper, we'll see you in the Bronx. ●

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Acting in my individual capacity as a Senator from Kansas, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1770

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Acting in my individual capacity as a Senator from Kansas, I understand that S. 1770,

which was introduced by Senator LOTT and others, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1770) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research and development credit and to extend certain other expiring provisions for 30 months, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

Objection is heard.

#### IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Acting in my capacity as an individual Senator from Kansas, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 168, H.R. 441.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 441) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements of the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2326

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senators LOTT and DASCHLE have an amendment at the desk.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), for Mr. LOTT and Mr. DASCHLE, proposes an amendment numbered 2326.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVERS OF JOB OFFER REQUIREMENTS FOR ALIENS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONS HOLDING ADVANCED DEGREES OR ALIENS OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY.**

Section 203(b)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(2)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

"(B) WAIVER OF JOB OFFER.—

"(i) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—Subject to clause (ii), the Attorney General may, when the Attorney General deems it to be in the national interest, waive the requirements of subparagraph (A) that an alien's services in the sciences, arts, professions, or business be sought by an employer in the United States.

"(ii) PHYSICIANS WORKING IN SHORTAGE AREAS OR VETERANS FACILITIES.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall grant a national interest waiver pursuant to clause (i) on behalf of any alien physician with respect to whom a petition for preference classification has been filed under subparagraph (A) if—

"(aa) the alien physician agrees to work full time as a physician in an area or areas designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as having a shortage of health care professionals or at a health care facility under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

"(bb) a Federal agency or a department of public health in any State has previously determined that the alien physician's work in such an area or at such facility was in the public interest.